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BONN FOR FRG AMB ELLERKMAN IN KAMPALA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, UG

SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE'S MEETING WITH ACTING UGANDAN CHARGE

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE CALLED IN ACTING UGANDAN CHARGE CHEPKWURUI AT 1730 EST FEBRUARY 28 TO CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS THAT THE MEETING WITH AMERICANS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2 WAS IN FACT POSTPONED AND FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS FOR THE POSTPONEMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. THE CHARGE CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH KAMPALA AND THE MEETING WAS INDEED POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. CHARGE ASSUMED THIS WAS DUE TO THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY WHICH HAD CHARGED THE ATMOSPHERE, AND THAT THE GOU HAD PERHAPS

DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE MEETING IN ORDER TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION- CHEPKWURUI ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED ONCE AGAIN TO PASS ON ASSURANCES THAT THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM AND THAT THE AMERICANS IN UGANDA WERE COMPLETELY SAFE. SCHAUFELE NOTED THAT THE AMERICANS WERE STILL PROHIBITED FROM LEAVING UGANDA UNTIL THE MEETING WITH AMIN, NOW POSTPONED. CHEPKWURUI ANSWERED THAT THE AMERICANS WERE FREE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WHENEVER THEY WISHED.

3. SCHAUFELE ASKED IF THIS WERE CHEPKWURUI'S OWN OPINION OR IF HE KNEW IT TO BE THE CASE. CHEPKWURUI REPLIED THAT THE GOU WAS NOT PROHIBITING AMERICANS FROM LEAVING. SCHAUFELE THEN SUGGESTED THAT THE GOU ITSELF MIGHT HELP DEFUSE THE SITUATION BY ANNOUNCING PUBLICLY THAT AMERICANS COULD LEAVE WHENEVER THEY WISHED. CHEPKWURUI AGREED THIS MIGHT CALM TENSIONS AND HE SAID HE WOULD TELEPHONE KAMPALA AND PASS ALONG OUR SUGGESTION.

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